(4) Grant of interim relief as sanctioned by the Railway Board of Rs. 4-8-0 to each of the monthly rated railway employees in receipt of pay not exceeding Rs. 250, and of Re. 0-2-9 per day to each daily rated Railway servant, to take effect from 1st July 1945, pending examination of the question of revising the scales of pay of Railway employees, the cost on this account being about Rs. 5 lakhs per annum.

(5) Grant of concession as is allowed by the M. & S. M. Railway, of an extra day's wages as bonus to all the daily rated employees of the Railway Workshop and Running Sheds for regular attendance in a month.

After giving a most sympathetic consideration to these representations, Government are pleased to accord sanction to the following concessions to Railway employees :—

(1) Two months' pay or wages as War and Victory Bonus in lieu of one month's bonus sanctioned in Government Order of 31st July 1946 read above.,

(2) As an interim measure of relief, pending examination of proposals for the revision of the scales of pay of certain classes of establishment of the Railway Department, all employees getting a consolidated pay of Rs. 150 and less may be given an additional pay of Rs. 2-4-0 per mensem and the daily rated employees an additional one anna per day with effect from 1st July 1946.

(3) For regular attendance during the month in the Workshop and Running Sheds, the daily rated employees may be given a day's wages as bonus in addition.

Regarding the other concessions, Government consider that there is no need to give a higher Dearness Allowance or retrospective effect to the enhanced allowance already sanctioned and that as the foodgrains are already supplied at heavily subsidised rates no further subsidies or concessions could be given or shown.

An additional demand for a grant for the expenditure involved will be placed before the Legislative Council at its next session.

B. S. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, *Finl. Secy.*

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the Irrigation Cess Fund Budget Estimates for the year 1946-47.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. A. 12-45-46, dated 6th May 1946, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the budget estimates under Irrigation Cess Fund for the year 1946-47 along with the statement from the Comptroller showing the opening balances, credits, debits and closing balances under District Irrigation Cess Fund for the year 1944-45.

2. U. O. Note No. 3136—S., dated 13th May 1946, from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on the subject.

ORDER THEREON No. P. W. 1782-96—Irn. 12-45-20, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH SEPTEMBER 1946.

A sum of Rs. 3·0 lakhs is provided in the budget for 1946-47 under "23. Irrigation Works" as grant-in-aid to the Irrigation Cess Fund and this amount is shown in column 16 of Annexure I and has been distributed among the several districts consistent with the requirements. Including the sum of Rs. 3·0 lakhs, the receipts during the year are expected to come to Rs. 10,10,014 with the opening balance of Rs. 2,83,141. The anticipated balance on 1st July 1946 and the receipts during 1946-47 together with those of the previous year are shown in columns 13, 17, 3 and 5 of Annexure I, respectively. The figures in column 17 include a contribution of Rs. 89,102 from the State Funds for the maintenance of river-fed channels, which sum will be allotted from the provision in the budget for 1946-47 under "23. Irrigation Works—4 Repairs."

2. The Revenue Commissioner has proposed a programme of works for a total expenditure of Rs. 9,32,237 and the grants applied for by him have been provided with slight modifications ; and out of the grand-in-aid of Rs. 3·0 lakhs, a sum of Rs. 1,06,000 has also been distributed among the districts for repairs to leaky sluices of tanks and other irrigation works, as shown in column 6 of Annexure II. The budget estimates of expenditure as sanctioned will be as shown in column 14 of Annexure II.

3. Every endeavour should be made to have the repairs to all irrigation works attended to during 1946-47 with the grants now sanctioned. Government desire that a progress report of six months work should be submitted during the year (say by 15th February 1947).

4. The closing balance at the end of 1946-47 is estimated at Rs. 1,56,430.

5. The details of receipts and expenditure are shown in Annexure I and II.

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